

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5, 8-14, 16-18, 20, 21, 24, 27-29 and 31 are pending in this application. Claims 10, 18, 21 and 31 are currently amended. Claims 4, 6-7, 15, 19, 22, 23, 25, 26 and 30 have been canceled.

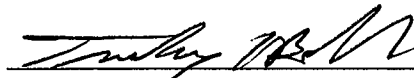
The Examiner is thanked for allowing claims 1-3, 5, 8, 9 and 29 and for indicating claims 22, 30 and 31 were directed to allowable subject matter. Without prejudice to the filing of a continuation application, Applicant has canceled claim 30 and amended claim 10 to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 30. Claims 11-14, 16, 17, 27, and 28 depend from claim 10 and are allowable at least by virtue of their dependencies. Without prejudice to the filing of a continuation application, Applicant has canceled claim 22 and amended claim 18 to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 22. Claims 19-21, 24 and 31 depend from claim 18 and are allowable at least by virtue of their dependencies.

The Director is authorized to charge any additional fees due by way of this Amendment, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-1090.

All of the claims remaining in the application are now clearly allowable. Favorable consideration and a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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